

externally outputting the digital image and the  
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performing [the] a second predetermined calculation  
using [with the use of] the digital image and the confidential  
information; and

determining whether the digital image has been  
modified, using [with the use of] the signature data and a result  
of the second predetermined calculation [whether the digital  
image has been modified].

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REMARKS

By the above amendments, the specification and claims  
have been amended as to matters of form only, correcting minor  
typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter has been  
added. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are  
respectfully requested.

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